

# WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S RESOURCES ACT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the Planned Parenthood research arm, over 10,000 women in the United States begin to deal with an unplanned pregnancy every day.

Mr. Speaker, thousands of small crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and adoption services are available to these women in crisis, but often women do not know that they have such choices. That is why the Women and Children's Resources Act, a bill that the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. Bono) and I introduced last week, is so important.

The Women and Children's Resources Act would provide a fee-for-service program for providing services to women like pregnancy tests, maternity home stays, baby clothes, prenatal and postpartum health care, even adoption services and referrals for vocational training and health care.

This solution-based bill builds a bridge between pro-life and pro-choice to offer compassionate solutions to women on common ground. If today's women need choices, we must offer them real choices. Many women would choose not to have an abortion if only they knew that other options were available to them. I urge my colleagues to make this a reality. Support and cosponsor the Women and Children's Resources Act.

## IT IS TIME TO GROW UP, SIT DOWN, AND COME UP WITH A BUDGET

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for days I have stood here on the floor also sitting and watching on C-SPAN my Republican colleagues attack the President's budget and attack Democrats for spending Social Security dollars, and I knew they were playing fast and loose with their own spending plans.

First, they declare the census to be an emergency so it does not come under the budget. Then they pass a tax cut bill that they promised but they cannot deliver on over the next 10 years. Then they float the idea that, well, we cannot do it so let us add a 13th month; some of the most ludicrous things we have ever heard. Now they finally are finding out that what they have been saying and the height of cynicism for our government is that they are spending the Social Security surplus, \$18 billion. It is reported in today's Washington Post and we can see it here but I am sure it will be in all of our local newspapers. It is just in the

national media and our local media, \$18 billion in Social Security trust funds they are going to use. Yet they have been accusing the President and the Democrats of doing it.

Why do my colleagues not grow up, and we will sit down and work this out between us instead of trying to make hype out of it? Why do we not just pass a bill that will take the trust funds out of the unified Federal budget?

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TOBACCO BAD, MARIJUANA GOOD

(Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Washington is nothing if not a city of contradictions. Within one week, we have seen the Department of Justice launch a multibillion dollar lawsuit against tobacco, and then 2 days ago we saw the President veto the D.C. appropriations spending bill because it contained a provision which would stop the District of Columbia from legalizing marijuana.

What is the President's message? Tobacco bad, marijuana good.

Mr. Speaker, recently this House passed a provision in the D.C. appropriations bill that reminded the District of Columbia that it remains part of the Union, part of America, subject to our laws and subject to our Constitution, prohibiting them from taking steps to legalize mind-altering controlled substances.

While the President will not hold the line on this and encourages the use of marijuana in the District of Columbia, we must in this body hold the line and prohibit D.C. from legalizing controlled substances.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED

(Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was stunned by this headline in the New York Times today. It said that the Republicans plan to delay the earned income tax credit for the working poor. This program, Ronald Reagan said, was absolutely the best one ever devised to help the working poor, and the answer here today is that we are going to delay its implementation.

Mr. Speaker, in this institution we would never dream of delaying an income tax refund to the wealthiest Americans. We would never dream of delaying oil incentives or mining incentives; or, heaven forbid, we would never dream of cutting back on the ethanol subsidy. But the answer today is that we should delay granting the working poor the earned income tax credit to get past this budget impasse that we currently see.

It makes no sense to harm the working poor with this issue. We should be coming to their assistance. If one works, one should not be poor. This idea makes no sense whatsoever, and it is being used as a gimmick to get around this budget impasse. We should proceed with granting the working poor this opportunity.

## UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today this House will consider a bill that will be critical to families and particularly to the women of our country. H.R. 2436, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, will recognize an unborn child who is injured or killed while in the mother's womb as a victim of a Federal crime.

Already, 24 States in our Nation have implemented laws that explicitly recognize injured, unborn children as victims of criminal acts.

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Under this bill, the penalty for the harm committed against an unborn baby would be the same as the penalty for the harm committed against the mother.

As responsible legislators, we must ensure that criminals be held accountable for their violent crimes that result in death or injury. This should apply regardless of who the victim is, whether it be the mother or the unborn child.

I hope that today our colleagues will honor the many women who have lost babies due to a crime. I hope that they will acknowledge the suffering that these women have endured because of senseless crimes and remember that they will never receive justice unless this legislation is not enacted.

This afternoon, I hope that our colleagues vote "yes" on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

## REPUBLICANS WANT TO ELIMINATE THE EARNED INCOME TAX REFUND

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during the August work recess, when I visited with constituents in my district in Houston, Texas, a city that I might say is doing considerably well and individuals are quite pleased with the state of the economy, but when I discuss with them the \$792 billion tax cut, they were in complete horror at the thought that we would misuse the people's money for a tax cut for golf courses and various other extracurricular-type programs.

But what is more horrific is the fact that I also met with working families